

LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st March 2018 at Lowdham Community Room

Apologies Cllr Morecroft, Cllr Swallow, Cllr Jackson

17.10.01 Present: Cllr Finn (Chair), Cllr Glazebrook (Vice Chair), Cllr Hunt
Cllr Wilson, Cllr Fletcher, Cllr King, Cllr Knowles, Cllr Coles, Cllr Poyzer

17.10.02 In Attendance: NSDC Cllr Wendels, Yvonne Greenfield (Parish Clerk)

Declaration of Interests –

17.10.03 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th February and Extraordinary meeting held on the 15th February 2018 for approval: Each Councillor had the Minutes sent to them. The minutes for the meeting on the 8th February were proposed Cllr Glazebrook, seconded by Cllr Knowles. The minutes for the meeting on the 15th February were proposed Cllr Fletcher seconded by Cllr Hunt

17.10.04 Open Session for the Public – No attendees

17.10.05 Highways and other County Matters –

17.10.06 Newark & Sherwood District Council Matters –

Cllr Wendels had spoken to Alan Batty for an update about a possible traveller injunction, In fact it was not an injunction but a discussion about writing to the traveller families who were known to be involved warning them against any further incursion. Subsequently Jackie Ingrams has left NSDC and been replaced by Caroline O'Hare who had not agreed with the action. There are still ongoing discussions, between Alan Batty, Karen White and Louise Clark, Cllr Wendels expressed his concern at the lack of any action and had asked Alan Batty to keep in touch with LPC Chairman about any updates. The Chairman will provide a written update to the relevant landowners. Planning Application 17/0616/FUL J Harrison Ltd Lowdham Proposed change of use is expected to go before the N&SDC full Planning Committee in April 2018

17.10.07 Safer Neighbourhood Group – no report

Upkeep of village and village facilities

17.10.08 WW1 Project - Cllr Glazebrook confirmed that the proposed Ball and afternoon tea event in November 2018 would go ahead with support from LVH&PFC. The lamp post poppies are available from the local RBL representative they are eighteen inches across and come with a fastening tie they cost three pounds each, PC to discuss nearer to the event

17.10.09 Grounds Maintenance – The results of the invitations to tender for the new Grounds Maintenance Mowing Contract and the Lowdham Cemetery Maintenance Contract were opened by the Chairman and the Clerk, the full Parish Council considered all the bids, the results were that RC Services based at Halloughton was awarded both the Grounds Maintenance Mowing Contract and the Cemetery Maintenance Contract. The Parish Council voted unanimously in favour of RC Services on both tenders. The business is locally based with a good reputation and a knowledge of Lowdham, they already do work in and around the village and have other work in neighbouring villages. Unfortunately we did not get anyone able to do the hedge cutting in the allotments at this time of year, we may review things in September subject to the weather and finance

Lowdham Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to express their gratitude to Geoff Burton for all his work over the years, much of it over and above the maintenance contract he has been paid for, his TLC will be sadly missed

- 17.10.10 Public Toilets** – The Clerk wrote to the VH&PFC regarding the future of the toilet building. There was a lengthy discussion about the next steps to take. The Clerk is to contact the Rating Office for a review of the rates.
- 17.10.11 Lowdham Cemetery** – NSDC is now emptying the bin and graves have been back filled, the hedge has also been cut. There has been a complaint about dogs being off the lead in the cemetery - to be investigated.
- 17.10.12 Amenities** – Gateway Signs – no update
- 17.10.13 Community Room** – The Parish Council agreed the quote for Hedge cutting to be done
- 17.10.14 Christmas Lights** – Cllr Knowles to lead a working party to look into alternative Christmas lights arrangements
- 17.10.15 Anti Social Behaviour** – Height deflector now in place on the Playing fields, the gate post has been repaired and can now be locked, the concrete barriers to be moved to the Community Room and sited on the field next to the gate for additional security
- 17.10.16 Flooding** - Flood Alleviation Scheme – no update
- 17.10.17 Planning**
New Applications
18/00189/FUL Cliff Mill Farmhouse Southwell Road Householder application to replace mixed material boundary wall with 1m high red brick wall with gate piers 1.62 m high, 2 sets of vehicle gates, 1 pedestrian gate. Low piers and matching wrought iron railings and gates (Retrospective)
Unanimously in favour
- Details available on:- Newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/planningapplications/

Decisions- To note District Council planning decisions –

- 16/00330/FUL** Low Meadow Lambley Road NG14 7DF Pull down dilapidated stables and replace with a barn – Full Planning permission
 (18/0016/LDC Low Meadow, Application for the release of Agricultural tie was withdrawn)
17/02263/FUL 8 Gunthorpe Road Lowdham NG14 7EN single storey side extension – Full Planning permission

- 17.10.18 Standing Orders** – To reconsider specific Standing Orders
- 17.10.19 Financial and Administration Report**
- 17.10.20** To approve the payments in the month of February – Payments list
 To approve accounts for 2017-18 financial year to date – Approved
- 17.10.21 Neighbourhood Plan** – No update
- 17.10.22 Recreation Areas Management and Sports Amenities** -
- 17.10.23 Football** - no update
- 17.10.24 Tennis** – no update
- 17.10.25 Footpaths** – No update
- 17.10.26 Trustee Village Hall and Playing Fields**
- 17.10.27 Correspondence** –

Meeting finished 9.35pm

Next meeting Parish Council - Thursday 5th April 2018 Lowdham Community Room 6.30 for 6.45pm

